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Re: Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. with  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996  
Docket No. 03-00119

Dear Henry:

Enclosed is BellSouth's amended response to Item No. 78 of DeltaCom's First  
Set of Interrogatories to BellSouth.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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cc: Mr. Joe Werner, Chief  
Telecommunications Group

**REQUEST:** Does BellSouth use the FID ETET? (a) What is the purpose of this FID? (b) Describe the process for using ETET.

**RESPONSE:** Yes. BellSouth uses the End-to-End Test Field Identifier ("ETET FID") in its testing environment.

- a) In BellSouth's testing environment, this FID, or code, on a service order provides a 'flag' to BellSouth's departments involved in the service order flow that the order is associated with an end-to-end test, and that special handling of that order may be required. Further, the ETET FID is used to ensure that the proper billing adjustments take place at the completion of the test, and that no actual charges are rendered to the billing accounts used in the test.
- b) The ETET FID is placed on service orders issued in conjunction with an end-to-end test. End-to-end tests are performed on order flows for new services prior to their availability to end users, and verify that BellSouth can order, provision and bill through its systems correctly for the new services. The ETET FID may also be used when performing end-to-end tests on order flows for service enhancements to existing services.

Respectfully submitted,

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